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Alumna of the U of M Crookston Dr. Kari Torkelson Receives U of M Alumni Service Award from U of M President Robert Bruininks during Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 7, 2011

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Dr. Kari Torkelson ex. '91 was presented the University of Minnesota Alumni Service Award by University President Robert Bruininks. The award was presented during commencement exercises on the campus on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Torkelson was the first-ever recipient from the Crookston campus to receive the prestigious alumni award.

Torkelson, originally from Thief River Falls, Minn., attended the U of M, Crookston from 1989 to 1991 while the campus was still a two-year technical college. She transferred to North Dakota State University, Fargo, and then transferred to Indiana University, Bloomington, where she completed her bachelor's degree, and then, went on to complete her doctorate of optometry there as well. She is currently an optometrist at Lifetime Vision Center in Grand Forks, N.D.

Torkelson participates in many service activities. She is a member of the Teambacker Board, All-Campus Advisory Board, North Dakota School for the Blind Foundation Board, and the Red River Habitat for Humanity Board. For several years, she was a member of the Grand Forks Master Chorale and served on their board.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,400 undergraduates from more than 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.uncrookston.edu.

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